

ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

Tween/Youth Group Volunteers Needed! Are you the parent of a current or past tween or youth? Or are you someone just looking to get more involved with the youth group program at Gloria Dei? We are looking to form a team to help lead our tweens and youth. This age group needs adults to be present, to ask them questions about their lives, to listen, and to “see” each of them. If you are interested, please contact Dana at kidsandfamily@gloriadei.com for more information. We need volunteers to keep this ministry going!

Volunteer at [Caring For Friends](#) on Tuesday, October 10 from 5PM-8PM at their northeast Philly location: Anyone ages 12 & up, meet at 12271 Townsend Road to help prepare and package meals. Come late or leave early. **Sign up:** on sheets in the Chapel or Sanctuary; the [Caring For Friends page under Get Involved](#); or email Dana at kidsandfamily@gloriadei.com. Next date: **November 14.**

Lunch & Learn on Friday, October 20 at 12PM in Christian Fellowship Hall. Next month’s program will be “**What’s It Worth? Ask Mike the Appraiser.**” Mike will speak to everyone first and then appraise items brought in by you. **Up to 30 people may bring in ONE item each** to be appraised. **Pizza & salad lunch provided.** Please **sign up** on sheets in the Chapel, Sanctuary or church office indicating your name, if you are willing to bring a dessert to share, and **IF you plan to bring in ONE item.** Contact Betsy: betsy1344@earthlink.net.

Save the Date! Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 28.

Worship Updates:

- ➔ **8:30AM Worship:** held every Sunday in the Chapel with piano, hymns, a message, and Communion served weekly.
- ➔ **10AM Worship:** held every Sunday in the Sanctuary and livestreamed on our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube page](#) with praise music, a message, and Communion served the first Sunday each month.
- ➔ **11:30AM Cathedral Worship:** held the first Sunday each month in the Sanctuary with Communion, traditional organ music, hymns, & a sermon.

MINISTRY TEAM AND OFFICE STAFF

Emergency Pastor: Sarah Aasheim, sarah.aasheim@gmail.com
Senior and Lay Ministry: Betsy Maier, betsy1344@earthlink.net
Kids and Family: Dana Harrison, kidsandfamily@gloriadei.com
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Church Council: council@gloriadei.com
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:30AM-3:30PM; Fri: 9:30AM-1:00PM

THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI Sunday, September 24, 2023 to Sunday, October 1, 2023

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30AM Worship Service - Chapel
9AM-1PM Fellowship Time - Sacred Grounds
10AM Worship Service - Sanctuary & online
10AM Sunday School - Sanctuary & Stage Room
2PM City Church of Philadelphia - Chapel
6PM Debtors Anonymous - Sacred Grounds

Monday, September 25, 2023

2:30PM Communion at Luther Woods
7PM BSA Troop 208 - Christian Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

10AM Gentle Yoga - Zabor Room
12PM Gentle Chair Yoga - Zabor Room
5PM Dance Dynamics - Zabor Room
7PM ACA Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

8:30AM Men’s Ministry - Sacred Grounds
9AM Preschool Chapel
5PM Social Skills - Zabor Room and Couch Room
6:30PM Nicole’s Place Support Group - Conference Room

Thursday, September 28, 2023

9:30AM New You - Sacred Grounds
5PM Dance Dynamics - Zabor Room
5:30PM Stage Company - CFH & Stage Room

Friday, September 29, 2023

5PM Dance Dynamics - Zabor Room
7PM City Church of Philadelphia - Chapel

Saturday, September 30, 2023

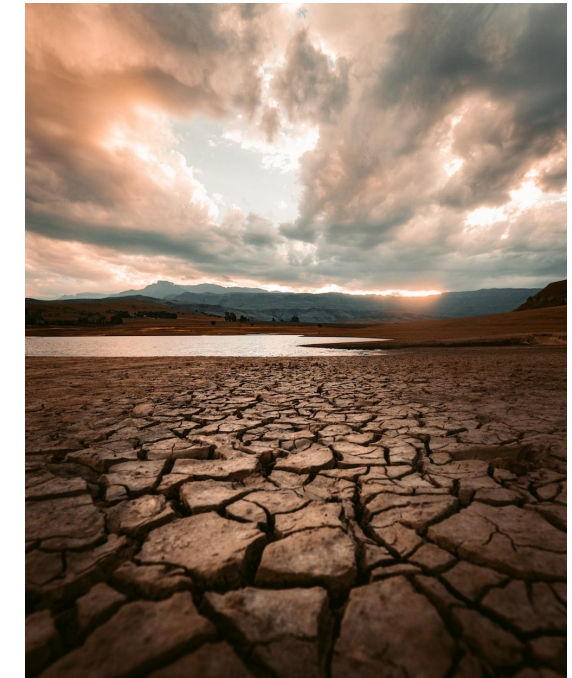
9AM Dance Dynamics - Christian Fellowship Hall
9:30AM Al-Anon Group - Sacred Grounds
11AM OA Meeting - Sacred Grounds

Sunday, October 1, 2023 - Communion Sunday

8AM-1PM Labyrinth - Zabor Room
8:30AM Worship Service - Chapel
9AM-1PM Fellowship Time - Sacred Grounds
10AM Worship Service - Sanctuary & online
10AM Sunday School - Sanctuary & Stage Room
11:30AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
2PM City Church of Philadelphia - Chapel
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Sunday, September 24, 2023
Order of Worship for
8:30AM & 10AM Services
www.gloriadei.com/sermons

We are a community committed to:

- Living in **prayerful** ways.
- Giving back** because we have been blessed.
- Serving** others through mission.
- Coming together to **worship** God.
- Strengthening our **relationships**.
- Asking questions and **continuously learning**.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
8:30AM Chapel Worship

Piano Prelude
Welcome & Opening Prayer
Litany:

L: People of God, open your eyes! Look around!

C: The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here, among us and within us.

L: God's salvation is close at hand, nearer than you know.

C: Let us open our hearts and minds to the Spirit,

ALL: and let us worship God together! Amen.

Gathering Hymn #47: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Statement of Faith: *Inside front cover of hymnal*

Scripture: [1 King 17:8-16](#)

Message: "Lessons from a Drought" ~Rev. Emmanuel Philor

Hymn #346: *Give Me Jesus*

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer+

Holy Communion: *Communion is open to all who seek a closer*

relationship with God & desire to have the presence of Jesus in their lives.

Words of Institution & Litany

L: Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup.

C: May they become for us your presence, vibrant with your life, given in love for us.

L: And as the bread and cup which we now eat and drink are changed into us,

C: may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

L: So come to this table, for all are welcome!

Offering & Closing Hymn #338: *Victory in Jesus*

Church News

Blessing for the Week

Postlude

Lisa Thomas, piano

ORDER OF WORSHIP
10AM Sanctuary & Online Worship
Please see the screen for words and lyrics

*Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Litany

*Opening Song

*Statement of Faith

Song

Children's Message

Scripture: [1 King 17:8-16](#)

Message: "Lessons from a Drought" ~Rev. Emmanuel Philor

Song

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer+

*Closing Song & [Offering](#)

Church News

Blessing for the Week

*Please rise in body or spirit

This service is livestreamed

We extend a warm **WELCOME** to all. Please let us know if we can answer any questions or be helpful in any way. We're glad you're here!

SUNDAY SCHOOL during the 10AM service will begin TODAY on September 24, 2023. Children in preschool (potty-trained) through 6th grade begin in worship and are then dismissed to class following the Children's Message. Parents/guardians will pick up from the Stage Room on the 2nd floor after the service. Children are always welcome to stay in worship services. Feel free to make use of the Playground or the Activity Bags hanging on the back pew in the Sanctuary. Kindly return the Activity Bag after the service. Parents and kids may take an instrument with them to their pew. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

To share **PRAYER CONCERNS**, update contact information, or let us know about an important event in your life, please fill out a Connection Card found in the pew, on the table, or email gdcoffice@gloriadei.com.

If you would like to **DONATE** to Gloria Dei Church, you may give during the service, mail in your donation, text the amount you wish to donate to 215-234-1635, or go to gloriadei.com and click "[Online Giving](#)." Thank you for your generosity!

You can **view this bulletin** on our [website \(gloriadei.com\)](http://gloriadei.com) and click on all of the links you see on here underlined in blue.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Sacred Grounds will be open every Sunday after worship services beginning today. Meet there for coffee, treats, and fellowship!

Yoga on Tuesdays in the Zabor Room. Next sessions on September 26. Gentle Yoga at 10AM (bring a mat) & **Gentle Chair Yoga at 12PM** (no equipment or previous experience needed). Please arrive 15 minutes early. Questions? Contact JoAnne at jpmohan92@gmail.com or Betsy at betsy1344@earthlink.net.

Men's Ministry will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at 8:30AM in Sacred Grounds. Please join us as we gather for fellowship, coffee, and donuts. Contact Ken for more information at 215-219-8484.

A good time was had by all at Gloria Dei's Fall Kickoff! Gloria Dei will continue to collect items for [Laurel House](#) from their [Wish List](#) through **October 1**. Please bring your donations to church next Sunday or to the church office this week. **Copies of the Wish List** are available in the Chapel, Sanctuary, church office, and on our [website](#).

Join us next Sunday, October 1 for the monthly Cathedral worship service at 11:30AM. This service has Communion, traditional organ music, hymns, & a sermon. Both the 8:30AM Chapel service & the 10AM service held in the Sanctuary & online will serve Communion. Rev. Mary Konopka will be preaching at all three worship services.

The Labyrinth will be available in the Zabor Room before & after all 3 services on Sunday, October 1. The labyrinth is an analogy for life. It is not a maze or puzzle to be solved, but a path of meaning to be experienced. Its path is circular and convoluted, but has no dead-ends.

Stewardship Ministry Moment: As summer sadly comes to an end and activities around our church are ramping up, please remember that the Church's expenses did not take a vacation. Our financials indicate that the fiscal period ending August 31, 2023 are \$23,000 behind budget in offerings and \$12,000 less than offerings at this time last year. Please consider increasing your financial support to Gloria Dei Church while you are also making contributions of your time and talents. Thank you, Gloria Dei Council

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

Sunday, October 8: Pastor Mary Konopka at 8:30 & 10AM

Sunday, October 15: Rev. Karen Murphy at 8:30 & 10AM

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, October 1, 2023

First Reading: [Exodus 17:1-7](#)

[Psalm 25:1-9](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 2:1-13](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 21:23-32](#)